(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Fund is released to Airports Authority of India (AAI) by the Government as Budgetary Support only for development of airports in North Eastern Region and certain crucial areas such as Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Amritsar etc.

(b) During the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, the Budgetary Support released to AAI is Rs. 22.08 crores, Rs. 30 crores and Rs. 36 crores respectively. Airports wise details of amount actually spent during the last three years in crores of rupees are as under:

Agartala (10.61, 3.47, 0.02), Barapani (0.31, 0.16, 0.00), Dimapur (2.75, 2.85, 0.94), Dibrugarh (0.04, 0.21, 5.86), Guwahati (0.89, 1.19, 1.42), Lilabari (0.35,1.53, 0.71), Imphal (7.16,1.95,1.32), Silchar (0.00, 1.64, 10.00), Tezpur (0.56, 0.00, 0.00), Jammu (0.00, 2.12, 0.31), Leh (1.00, 0.89, 0.36), Srinagar (1.48, 3.93, 16.59) and Amritsar (15.59, 18.41,14.70).

(c) Airports proposed to be upgraded and funds (in crores of rupees) earmarked for 2006-07 for each airport are as under:

Agartala (0.50), Barapani (0.10), Dimapur (0.51), Dibrugarh (21.11), Guwahati (8.42), Lilabari (0.75), Imphal (1.00), Silchar (4.60), Jorhat (0.06), Rupsi (0.01), Jammu (1.06), Leh (1.03), Srinagar (25.00) and Aurangabad (1.00).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Demand for skilled manpower

1499. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed a recent report of the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation which has highlighted *inter-alia* that the operators in the Asia Pacific and Middle East will require 1,50,000 additional employees to support the new aircraft currently on order and that China, India and Middle East may be affected the most due to shortage of pilots and engineers;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of short/long term plans drawn up to adequately meet the growing demand for various categories of skilled manpower in the aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Maintenance of time-schedule by private airlines

1500. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of private players in domestic aviation market, often do not maintain the declared time schedule of take-off;

(b) if so, how they are being allowed to be on runway/airports for so many hours; and

(c) whether they pay any extra charges for extra use of airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No aircraft is being allowed to be on runway for more than the time required for landing and take-off depending on the type of aircraft. Prescribed rates for parking are charged as per airport charges of Airports Authority of India.

WHO directions on travel of diseased persons

1501. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO have issued directions to the airlines to protect the travellers, while flying in the aircraft, to be away for the TB. and other fatal diseased travellers;

(b) if so, the details of such direction and by when these are expected to be implemented in India;